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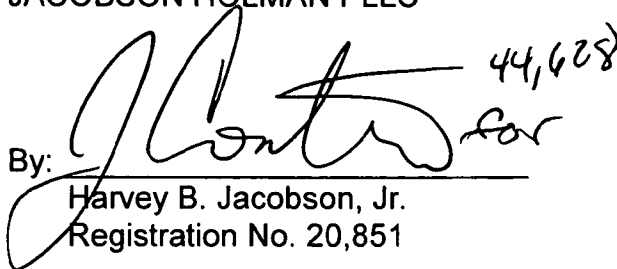
Sir:

As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, and in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicant(s), through the undersigned attorney, submits this Information Disclosure Statement. The patents, publications or other information submitted herewith are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and copies are attached, excluding U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications. An English abstract translation of European Patent No. EP 0 658 644 A2 is attached. European Patent No. EP 0 718 189 A1 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,062,509 and WO 03/031260 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 7,097,138 B2. The patents and publications listed on Form PTO-1449 were cited in the specification and/or an International Search Report (ISR). A copy of the ISR is enclosed. The Examiner is requested to consider these references and make them of record in the file of this application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b)(3), this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required by the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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